

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 10 - 40 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in this or any other patent application.

The cancellation of these claims makes no admission regarding the patentability of this subject matter and should not be so construed.

REMARKS

The Examiner has divided the claims into four groups and argued that each group of claims represents a distinct invention. In addition, the Examiner states that the claims of Group II are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species and requests that a compound species be selected if Group II is elected.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-9) in this application, with traverse. It is Applicant's understanding that since Group II was not elected, no election of species is required.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and requires that the application be allowed and passed to issue.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to take action in response to the Office Action mailed February 19, 1999. This extension of time is effective to allow timely filing of a response up to and including April 21, 1999.


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A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to over the extension fee. If this fee is incorrect, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 12-2475 for the appropriate amount.

Respectfully submitted,

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